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BRIAN HALL/Courtesy photo

Presidents George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George Bush and Jimmy Carter walk on stage at the William J. Clinton Presidential Center dedication ceremony Nov. 15 in Little Rock. Several members of the Harding community attended the event.

## Little Rock hosts big celebration of Clinton's past

BRIAN HALL  
student reporter

The William J. Clinton Presidential Center opened Nov. 15 in Little Rock to a crowd of celebrities, politicians, dignitaries and a few of Harding University's faculty and students.

Capping off a week of festivities, the cold, rain-soaked event drew an estimated crowd of more than 25,000. It featured four of the five living presidents together in Arkansas for the first time in state history. President George W. Bush and former presidents Jimmy Carter and George H. Bush all took the stage to salute the Clinton legacy. President Gerald Ford, 91, was not able to attend the event.

Barbara Streisand and Oprah were a few faces in the crowd, in addition to President David Burks and Dr. Jeff Hopper, dean of the Honors College. The event had a special significance for Dr. Jack Shock, associate professor of communication, who served during Clinton's first term as director of presidential letters and messages.

"For me personally, the highlight was reuniting with old friends from my days in Washington," Shock said. "My entire White House office staff was in Little Rock for the dedication, and we had a great time catching up with each other."

Putting partisanship aside, unity was a common thread among each president's speech.

"It was great to hear the presidents be bi-partisan," Burks said. "They tend to talk about unity and a love for country more than partisanship. It was good because we need to be united."

The center's design was also based on unity and Clinton's commitment to build a "bridge to the 21st Century."

"I do hope that the theme of the bridge will be used to bring people together from around the world," Hopper said. "Anti-American sentiment is very high around the world right now. It was much better during Clinton's presidency."

Visitors to the library can benefit from the center's more than 18 million pages of records and documents, 75,000 gifts and artifacts, and 80 million e-mail messages. The center will also house the Clinton School of Public Service, the first school in the nation to offer a master's degree in public service.

Sophomore Alex Cone, who heard Clinton speak at an event the day before the library's dedication, said students will be inspired after visiting the center.

"I think young people interested in civil service [who] visit the library will be more inclined to pursue careers in politics when they see what Clinton was able to achieve in his past," Cone said. ■

### LIBRARY CONTENTS:

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## Coming home heroes

Graduate student, unit members return from Iraq

SUSANNA SMITH  
student reporter

Much of the 2nd Battalion of the 153rd Infantry Regiment returned from Iraq Nov. 11 as the first of Arkansas' 39th Brigade. Among those who arrived in Searcy on the buses was Staff Sgt. Wayne Westerholm, a Harding graduate student who works with campus security.

Westerholm had been in Iraq for seven months, first going active in October 2003, and then shipping out to Iraq in April 2004. Westerholm's unit was the first to come back because they had previously worked in Egypt on a peace-keeping mission, fulfilling 11 months of the 24-month limit a reservist can be ordered to be on active duty.

"It's really funny around here because a lot of people know that I've been gone, and they're just now seeing me and it's not clicking with them," Westerholm said. "All of a sudden they realize, 'You're not supposed to be here. Oh, you just got back.'"

Westerholm said a lot of people were concerned about him.

"People say, 'I'm glad to see you back in one piece' and I'm thinking, 'Yeah, I'm glad to be back in one piece,'" Westerholm said.

As a squad leader, Westerholm said he led his squad on patrols in northern Baghdad and nearby towns.

"When we went out on our patrols, especially in some of the smaller towns and areas we hadn't been in, people would come running, particularly the kids," Westerholm said. "It was kind of like a parade."

Yet the trip was not without its terror, Westerholm said.

"The first few days that we took some mortar rounds, I would just watch the plumes go up," Westerholm said. "They were probably about 250 to 300 meters away. However, later in the deployment when we started engaging the enemy and being engaged, I found the hardest thing was getting back out there again knowing that they'd probably be shooting at me."

However, unlike most of the reserves, Westerholm had experience in taking fire. In addition to the peace-keeping mission in Egypt and the Kuwait mission he had performed as a reservist, Westerholm had also served in Somalia, Cuba and Panama while on active duty.

"It's been easier coming back this time than my other deployment," Westerholm said. "Because of that deadline, we had to be back and off orders by a certain date. Two weeks ago, I was in Kuwait, the week before that I was in Iraq. There hasn't been time to think about what it was going to be like when I got home."

On top of his rushed homecoming, Westerholm said he has been preoccupied with registration for spring classes and getting acquainted with the changes in Harding security protocol.

Westerholm said Harding has done a great job caring for him and his family while he was away. He also said he



WAYNE WESTERHOLM/Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Wayne Westerholm, a Harding graduate student, patrols the streets of Bob al Shan, a small town about two miles north of Baghdad in Iraq. Some of the Searcy-based unit returned home Nov. 11 after spending seven months in Iraq.



WAYNE WESTERHOLM/Courtesy photo

A soldier in Westerholm's squad guards a man while his vehicle is being searched. Westerholm said the driver inadvertently bypassed a barricade at a bridge on the Tigris River. Westerholm's squad was helping repair the bridge after a Coalition bomb damaged it at the start of the war.

greatly appreciated the moral support the school gave him, like the packages from security and the magazines from the Public Relations office.

"All those signatures from the students on the paper — they sent a copy of that to everyone that was overseas," Westerholm said. "I had that posted above my cot."

Though separation from family is not new to Westerholm, he said it hurts none-the-less. The first time Westerholm had to leave his home, in 1999, his son, Andrew, 5, was only 5 days

old. Westerholm said he has been deployed for 30 months of Andrew's life, and now that Andrew has him back after a year deployment, Andrew gets sad even when Westerholm leaves for his security job.

"When I'm off, I'm just focused on my mission," Westerholm said. "I can't get upset about what's happening over here because I have no control over it. I can give my wife some moral support from overseas, but it's not quite the same thing as being here and giving her a hug when she needs it." ■



12.03.04

SATURDAY 12.04



SUNDAY 12.05



MONDAY 12.06



TUESDAY 12.07



WEDNESDAY 12.08



THURSDAY 12.09



FRIDAY 12.10



SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL WEB SITE

## OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE

### Two former Searcy residents murdered

Two former Searcy High School students were killed early Nov. 21 following an altercation at an intersection in Heber Springs.

An 18-year-old male and a 20-year-old male were arrested in connection with the deaths of 21-year-old Chad Watson and 22-year-old Shan Collins, Heber Springs police told the Daily Citizen.

The suspects were transferred to Batesville for arraignment.

### School improvements to cost \$2.8 billion

A report released Tuesday revealed that an immediate \$2.8 billion dollars may be needed to start improving Arkansas school buildings.

The report was the result of a study conducted to estimate the cost of making the physical improvements the Arkansas Supreme Court ordered in 2002.

The cost of the improvements may balloon to \$4.5 billion over the next five years, according to the report.

The report considered four priorities in making the improvements, including critical health and safety needs, less critical heating, ventilation, mechanical and air condition problems, items less immediately necessary and general aesthetic improvements.

The \$2.8 billion also includes \$585 million to meet space requirements. The \$4.5 billion takes into account increases that would occur as the buildings age and costs rise, space requirements and enrollment growth.

### Anchorman Brokaw retires after 22 years

NBC anchorman Tom Brokaw retired Wednesday from his almost 23-year career in broadcast journalism.

The 64-year-old announced in 2002 he would be retiring in order to pursue other interests, including spending time on his ranch in Montana. However, he told the Associated Press he will continue to air three documentaries a year for NBC and would be willing to "report for duty" when a big story breaks.

Brokaw joined NBC in 1966, worked as the White House correspondent from 1973-1976, anchored "Today" 1976-1981 and "Nightly News" since April 1982.

Brian Williams will fill Brokaw's position on the "Nightly News."

### Law prohibits owning both a cat and a dog

A city in Utah has agreed to reconsider an ordinance that prohibited pet owners from having both a dog and a cat.

A family in Provo, Utah, discovered the ordinance when they tried to purchase a kitten at an animal shelter. People at the animal shelter told the family they could not have the kitten when the family said they already had a cat and a dog.

The ordinance allows residents to have two cats or two dogs, but not a cat and a dog together. The city council agreed to change the law next month after receiving complaints from various residents.

## FACES IN THE CROWD

### B Kay Standifer, freshman



**Hometown:** Monroe, La.

**Major:** Accounting

**Jimi Hendrix or Bob Marley:** Bob Marley

**Taco Bell order:** Chicken fajita burrito

**Longest road trip ever:**

From Texas to Jacksonville, Miss. — it lasted about a day

**Who do you most admire?** "Jesus, because He is my everything."

**Christmas wish:** 2002 black Lincoln Navigator

**What do you want to be when you grow up?** A lot of things — either a high school teacher, a voice actor, a cartoonist or an actor.

**What cartoon are you most like?** "Vegeta from Dragonball Z he is very aggressive with his enemies, he doesn't back down from a fight."

## WEEKLY WINDOW



Freshmen Brandon Riley does the "robot" while dressed as the Rhodes Rowdies Robot during the Nov. 15 basketball game. Students come to games decked out in black and gold clothing and paint, but the robot was the most elaborate costume.  
CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

## CAMPUS IN BRIEF

### World's oldest man dies at 113

Fred Hale, who appeared in the Nov. 12 issue of the *Bison* in recognition of his status as the world's oldest man, died Nov. 19 at the age of 113.

Hale, the great-grandfather of Cassie Goode, adjunct teacher in the College of Education, died in his sleep at a nursing home in New York, 12 days short of his 114th birthday.

### Video game testers needed

Seniors in the computer science department are looking for 200 volunteers who are willing to test video games.

The testing lasts one hour and can be done through Dec. 11. Testers will spend 20 minutes per game playing each of the three versions of "Creeper," a student-created game, and then testers will rank their favorite versions.

The rules for Creeper will be explained when testers arrive or can be found online at [www.otb-games.com/creeper/rules.html](http://www.otb-games.com/creeper/rules.html).

All games can be played against a computer player, a friend at the same computer or a friend at another computer, so testers are encouraged to bring a friend or family member. Testers must be at least 9 years old. Those interested can sign

up for a time at [www.harding.edu/dsteil/schedule](http://www.harding.edu/dsteil/schedule).

### Last day to choose meal plan

Students should select their meal and DCB plans for the spring semester through Campus Pipeline by today.

Students can choose a plan by clicking on Student Services and Financial Aid then Registration under the My HU Info link.

After Dec. 6, meal plans will be assigned if a selection has not been made.

### Foundation honors Harding

Young America's Foundation recently named Harding as one of the top 10 conservative colleges in the United States.

The foundation recognized the best colleges in the country that strive to maintain and strengthen conservative values in students through the college's mission and program.

### Contest deadline approaches

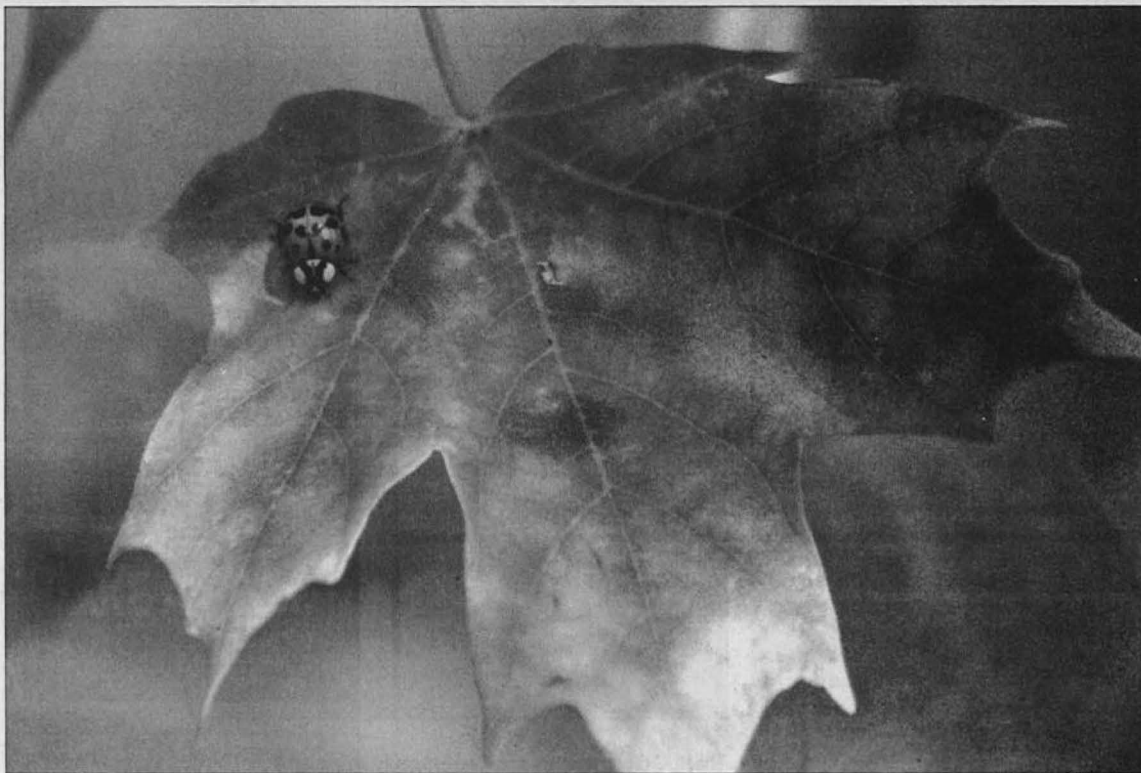
Entries for the Jo Cleveland Creative Writing Contest must be submitted by Monday, Dec. 6.

Contest rules are available in American Studies 300 and online at the English department's Web site.

## COMING UP

- 12.03 Lady Bison basketball v. Lyon College, home, 6 p.m.
- 12.03 "The Ugly Duckling," Little Theatre, 7 p.m.
- 12.03 "The Bourne Supremacy," Benson, 8 p.m. \$2 or free with the Pass
- 12.04 Lady Bison basketball v. St. Edwards University, home, 2 p.m.
- 12.04 "The Ugly Duckling," Little Theatre, 7 p.m.
- 12.04 Bison basketball v. University of Alabama-Huntsville, home, 8 p.m.
- 12.04 "The Notebook," Benson, 8 p.m. \$2 or free with the Pass
- 12.05 Men's open house, 6:30 - 8:30
- 12.05 Dead Week begins
- 12.06 Bison basketball v. Montevallo, home, 8 p.m.
- 12.09 Lady Bison basketball v. University of North Alabama, home, 6 p.m.
- 12.10 Lady Bison basketball v. University of Alabama-Huntsville, home, 6 p.m.
- 12.10 "Elf," Benson, 8 p.m., \$2 or free w/ the Pass
- 12.11 "Elf," Benson, 8 p.m., \$2 or free w/ the Pass
- 12.13 Finals Week begins
- 12.18 Graduation





CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

### A lady in waiting

A ladybug sits on a dangling leaf on a tree outside the Benson Auditorium. The change of seasons on campus provided a new look and scenery for the students to enjoy before Thanksgiving break.

## Seniors present double feature

BRE WOOD  
student reporter

Two one-act student plays, "The Ugly Duckling" and "The Mad Breakfast," will continue showing in the Little Theatre at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets cost \$4 or are free with the Pass.

Junior Katy Vancil is directing "The Ugly Duckling," based on A.A. Milne's fairy-tale adaptation of the classic children's story. Vancil described the play as a comedic love story set in a fairy-tale land and time period.

"It is very Disney," Vancil said.

"If you're looking for a cute laugh and a good love story, this is definitely a good show."

In the play, everyone in Princess Camilla's kingdom thinks she is ugly until Prince Simon shows up and sees her true beauty. They fall in love, and, of course, live happily ever after.

"The Ugly Duckling" stars junior Caleb Lowry as the King, senior Heather Stringfellow as the Queen, freshman Morgan Clyde as Princess Camilla, freshman Alex Blair as Prince Simon, freshman Jodi Pittard as Dulcibella, freshman Jess Hines as Carlo and junior Jeremy

Painter as the Chancellor.

"It's definitely one of the funniest shows I've seen in a long time," sophomore lighting designer Elissa Dykes said. "It's a good break from the monotonous constant flow of homework we are subjected to."

Immediately following "The Ugly Duckling," senior Christa Abernathy will direct the performance of "The Mad Breakfast." The play is a comedy set in the 1930s that tells about a practical joker named Mr. Jones who lives in a boarding house in England.

Mr. Jones, who is played by freshman Jerry Lafavers, answers an ad in the newspaper from someone wanting to do a study on an insane asylum and invites Mr. Long, played by senior Brant Roberts, to conduct the study in the boarding house under the assumption that all the occupants are insane.

Mr. Jones tells the tenants different stories of Mr. Long's identity, labeling him as a long lost prince, a manager looking to hire an actress, an inspector of boarding houses, the reincarnation of Napoleon and other lies to help build on his enormous joke.

"It is a really fun show," Abernathy said. "I have been working with the script since February, and I still laugh at every rehearsal. The way the script is written, and the cast that I have, I think everyone can relate to at least one of the characters." ■



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

The King, portrayed by junior Caleb Lowry, talks to the Chancellor, played by junior Jeremy Painter, during the dress rehearsal of "The Ugly Duckling" Wednesday night. The play opened Thursday and will continue tonight and Saturday night in the Little Theatre.

## Quarter seekers coin new options

REBECCA KING  
student reporter

Students may be at Harding on a quest for knowledge and truth, but sometimes campus life can lead to other searches as well — like hunting for quarters needed for washing laundry.

Although the campus has a quarter machine in each of the two main Laundromats, students occasionally have to search for quarters when the machines do not work or are unavailable. In addition, the laundry rooms in the upperclass dorms, like Shores and Pryor halls, don't have quarter machines at all.

Because necessity is the mother of invention, students have discovered alternate ways to acquire quarters for laundry when the regular services are unavailable.

Freshman Trey Long said the machines had been out of quarters occasionally in his experiences at the Laundromat, but he always found a way to get quarters anyway.

"One time I had to walk to the girl's Laundromat for money," Long said. "I walked all the way back [to the men's Laundromat] with \$5 worth of change."

If he didn't walk to the other laundry room, Long said he just used the resources available in the men's Laundromat to create new ways of getting quarters.

"I would put \$1 bills in the candy machine and hit the 'return change' button to get quarters," Long said. "But, that only worked until the candy machine ran out of quarters."

Going to the business office to get a \$10 roll of quarters is another alternative to the quarter machines.

Robin Lashley, who works in the business office, said about 40 students a week come in to get rolls of quarters, especially on Thursdays and Fridays so they

can do laundry over the weekend. The business office lets students get as many quarters as they might need.

"We don't have a limit, but people usually don't get more than one roll," Lashley said. "That's a lot of laundry."

Other students go to the Heritage Inn front desk in hopes of getting change. John Boone, Heritage Inn front desk worker, said it is not unusual to help 10 students during an eight-hour shift when he works on weekends.

"We want to service students as best we can," Boone said. "Serving students is the main thing. We sometimes limit the amount to \$3 to have enough of a supply to last the weekend. We want to be fair."

Freshman Rosa Colon said she would be in favor of eliminating the quest for quarters by following the example of some universities, like Abilene Christian University, and having card-operated laundries.

Card-operated laundry services are provided in each residence hall at ACU and students are provided with a laundry card from their residence hall staff upon check-in and completion of a laundry agreement.

"The Sears dorm girls were discussing it," Colon said. "You should be able to just slide a card or something."

Campus security is responsible for emptying and refilling the quarter machines in the Laundromats, but when a machine malfunctions, it is the responsibility of an outside company to come and make repairs.

However, Captain Kevin Davis, assistant director of campus security, said security is sometimes able to fix small problems without calling the company.

"A lot of times the machine is just jammed," Davis said. "We fix it, and it works again." ■



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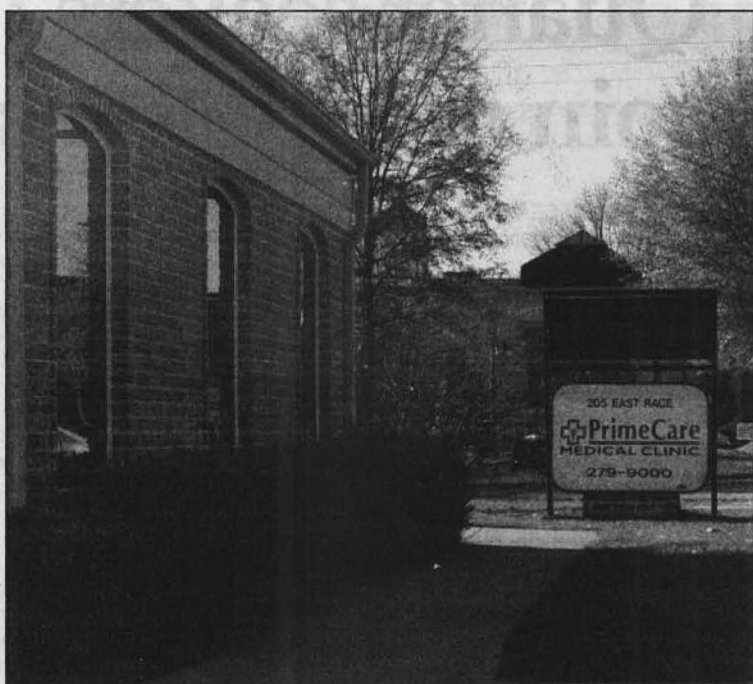
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Prime Care Medical Clinic, 205 E. Race Street, provides an option for students who need medical care after normal business hours. The office is open until 8 p.m. during the week, except Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

## Afterhours clinic benefits students

ALEXIS OLIVER  
student reporter

Around the time Thanksgiving break ends and the Christmas season begins, many students begin to become overly stressed, lose much sleep and adjust to the change of weather, all of which sometimes lead to sickness.

For students who get sick during the evenings or weekends and aren't able to make an appointment with their regular doctor, the Prime Care Medical Clinic on the corner of Main St. and Race St. is a convenient option for walk-in medical care when the illnesses or injuries aren't worthy of emergency-room treatment.

Open since Sept. 18, 2003, Prime Care Medical Clinic is operated by Dr. J.P. Wornock, a Harding alumnus. Wornock said the clinic began after several Harding health care management majors gave surveys to their health care missions class under the supervision of assistant professors of business, Rhonda Bell and Teresa Vick. Seventy-four percent of the students surveyed responded that there was a need of an afterhours/weekend clinic in Searcy, Wornock said.

"I just want to assist the community by providing a needed service," Wornock said.

Wornock said Harding nurses often refer students to the clinic when their office closes.

Pat Rice, RN and director of student health services at Harding, said having an afterhours clinic has been a nice option for students who come to the nurses station at the end of the day.

"We once had a very sick young man come in around 4:15 p.m., the time we usually close," Rice said. "We were able to refer him to Dr. Wornock, which was a very good thing because he ended up having to go to the hospital."

Wornock said because he understands the financial burdens that students often face, he will often give medication samples to help students with expenses, will work with most types of insurance and can make arrangements to send students' bills directly to their parents.

Senior Rebecca Sane, employee at Prime Care, said their goal is to get students seen as quickly as possible.

"This clinic is great for Harding students and caters to their needs," Sane said. "We are seeing more and more Harding students everyday."

Although sophomore Chenoa Hames has never needed to go to the clinic, she said she liked the fact that making an appointment wasn't necessary.

"We're nobody's first-time doctor, but everyone's part-time doctor."

DR. J.P. WORNOCK,  
PRIME CARE MEDICAL CLINIC

"It's always nice to have a walk-in clinic to go to when the other medical centers are closed," Hames said. "It's not like you plan on being sick, you know? So you need an option if it's not

an ER-type emergency."

Wornock said he wants to add to the clinic and hire two more doctors so the clinic's hours can expand. The doctors will trade off working at the clinic since he is currently the only doctor at the clinic. However, he said most of his patients have another regular doctor they use most of the time.

"We're nobody's full-time doctor, but everyone's part-time doctor," Wornock said.

The clinic provides many services offered by a family clinic and the ER. Some services provided include: allergy shots, minor fractures, drug screens, physicals, skin procedures and on-site X-Rays.

Prime Care is open every day except Wednesdays from 3 to 8 p.m.; on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Call 501-279-9000 or go to [www.primecare-searcy.com](http://www.primecare-searcy.com).

## Learning the Greek legacy

### HUG students experience Biblical lands first hand

*Editor's note: The following article is the personal account of sophomore Travis Wisely, a student attending Harding University in Greece this fall.*

TRAVIS WISELY  
Contributor

If you had asked me to describe Greece for you before I came to HUG, it may have sounded something like this: "It's really old, and the Olympics started there."

True, the Olympics were started in Greece thousands of years ago, though I fear many of us may have learned that just this year, but Greece is so much more than several millenniums of athletics and competitions. Greece has quite possibly contributed more to the function, the charisma and even the inhabitants of the modern world than any culture preceding or succeeding it.

Now I in no way profess to be an expert on the domino effects of Greek history; I'll leave

the expertise up to Jerry and Diane Myhan, the directors of HUG. However, throughout the past three months, completely engulfed and surrounded by its presence, I've gained a greater appreciation for the impact that Greece has had on even my own sheltered, American life.

This semester has been unforgettable. Taking 40 Christians and plopping them down in a world that is foreign, yet familiar through the Scriptures we have



PETIT JEAN/Courtesy photo

The HUG group ponders a reading of Acts 17 while overlooking Greece from atop Mars Hill. "I can't explain my feelings as I stood atop Mars Hill gazing over the ancient Athenian marketplace where Paul most definitely would have walked," sophomore Travis Wisely said.

studied since we were young, is a brilliant move that has produced brilliant effects.

I can't explain my feelings as I stood atop Mars Hill gazing over the ancient Athenian marketplace where Paul most definitely would have walked, or describe my emotions as I strolled through the theater of Ephesus where an angry mob of ancient Grecians once screamed for Paul to be thrown out of the city.

I can't write down my thoughts as I scrutinized the complex pipe system of Laodicea where the "lukewarm" water would have flown from the mountains. I couldn't recreate my gaping silence as I looked down at the shriveled face of a man who, thousands of years before I was a thought in my parents' minds, glanced reprov-

ingly at Moses and refused to let God's people go. I can't explain, because words on a page can never recreate those experiences.

Even our excursions to sites that have no religious significance to us are burned into my memory. The Athenian Acropolis with the magnificent Parthenon: a temple that was built completely of curved lines and different sized columns to counteract an optical illusion and make all the columns appear perfectly straight.

The exposure to a history of our religion that few ever get to experience, the opportunity to look upon monuments, tombs and temples that predate the existence of history, as well as the fond memories, shared moments and unbreakable bonds formed within our group have made my trip to Greece through Harding a trip that has formed its own legacy deep within me.

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# MICROWAVE GOURMET

Need a quick, inexpensive meal?  
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CHELSEA ROBERSON  
photographer

Although the cafeteria provides daily nourishment for the majority of the student body, there are always days when one does not want to venture into the crowded masses of hungry students just to push and shove for a plate of food.

With the semester coming to a close, quite a few students are running dangerously low on their number of meals left, and alternate paths to fulfill the stomach have to be explored.

Many students are turning to their microwaves, George Foreman grills and toaster ovens in order to make a quick meal, to have available a bigger variety of meal options and to save a few swipes of their meal card.

The microwave is often the most popular kitchen appliance among students because of its pure simplicity and inexpensiveness.

"You can do almost anything with the microwave," freshman Mary Greer said. "My favorite thing to cook is popcorn."

Microwaveable meals are even available for students at the Harding University Mini-Mart.

"I love to cook the rice dishes from the mini-mart," freshman Chelsea Morgan said. "It's very filling."

In addition to the many microwaveable food products that can be found at any grocery store, recipes for microwave cooking are available to make it an enjoyable edible experience.

Some local bookstores may carry cookbooks dedicated to microwave cooking, and some regular cookbooks have a section or chapter on the subject as well. Recipes can also be found online by using a search engine, such as Google, to help students make something quick and easy.

Along with some very extravagant recipes for dishes, such as poached salmon with dill sauce or mushroom-stuffed chicken breasts, are some simple, inexpensive, dorm-friendly recipes that anyone can make are available as well.

With a click of the mouse, a microwave recipe for just about anything imaginable can be found. Scrambled eggs, chocolate cake, sticky buns and mini quiche are just a few of the endless amounts of recipes that can be found on the Internet. All of them can be fixed in the comfort of a dorm room with the press of a button.

Though sometimes very simple, microwave recipes can be elaborated on and modified to result in the perfect culinary creation. For example, some of the dessert recipes can be improved with marshmallows, nuts or frosting. Main dishes can be spiced up with store-bought sauces or vegetables of some sort to complete the meal.

The most important part of cooking with a microwave is keeping a close eye on the food to make sure it does not overcook. When overcooked in a microwave, food can easily catch fire, but more importantly, the smell of the burnt food will last for days. ■



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Rating: ★★ ★  
Difficulty: Easy

**Editor's Comments:**  
Fast and cheap. This recipe tastes great, but try toasting the muffins before tossing them in the microwave for a little crispiness.

#### Ingredients:

1 package of 6 English muffins  
1 small jar pizza sauce  
8 ounce package shredded Mozzarella cheese  
48 slices pepperoni (or meat of your choice)

Pour sauce on to open face muffins. Place 4 slices of pepperoni on each muffin. Top each muffin with a generous amount of cheese. Bake in microwave for 2 minutes or until cheese is melted.



## White Chocolate Popcorn

www.recipecottage.com

**Ingredients:**  
3 squares almond bark or white chocolate  
2 bags microwave popcorn

Melt the almond bark or white chocolate in the microwave and drizzle over popcorn while stirring continuously.

Rating: ★★ ★  
Difficulty: Medium

**Editor's Comments:**  
This recipe is wonderful, but be careful not to burn the chocolate. Try microwaving on Low for 30 second increments. Also, buy your popcorn unbuttered and unsalted.

## 2-Minute Miracle Microwave Fudge

www.recipezaar.com

**Ingredients:**  
1 lb. confectioner's sugar  
1/2 cup cocoa  
1/2 cup butter  
1 Tsp. vanilla extract  
1/2 cup chopped pecans  
In microwaveable bowl, blend sugar and cocoa. Add butter and milk on top of mixture. Cook on high for two minutes. Remove and add vanilla. Stir well with wooden spoon. Pour into square baking pan. Sprinkle with chopped pecans.

Rating: ★ ★  
Difficulty: Hard

**Editor's Comments:**  
The texture is a little grainy, but it tastes great. Having a beater handy will help tremendously when stirring.



## Southwest Nachos

members.amazonline.com/nrogers/  
Kitchen/microwave.htm

Top each Nacho with 1/2 cup of beans and 1/2 cup of jalapenos. Sprinkle Nachos with 1/2 cup of 15 nachos, microwave on High 1 to 2 minutes or until cheese is melted. Serve immediately.

Rating: ★★ ★  
Difficulty: Very easy

**Editor's Comments:**  
Fast, easy and cheap, this recipe has it all. Don't be afraid to add your own ideas to spice things up. Also, be sure to heat the beans before you put them on the nachos.





# Christmas KNOT-TYING

## Students exchange jingle bells for wedding bells

JENN BONZAGNI  
student reporter

During midterm exams, senior Clarice Campbell's desk was not only covered with textbooks and notebooks, it was also used for wedding invitations and envelopes. Now, as the semester comes to end, Campbell is balancing schoolwork, a job at Ryan's restaurant and final preparations for her Dec. 27 wedding.

Planning weddings for Christmas break may mean extra time management for couples, but it is becoming more common among Harding students. Campbell said she and her fiancé, senior Jeremy Brazas, are getting married in December because they got engaged in March.

"The summer would have been too soon," Campbell said. "But we didn't want to wait for

the next summer, so we opted for December."

Juniors Alecia Warren and Matt Eastridge said they planned their wedding for Dec. 18 so friends from Harding would be able to attend the wedding, which will be held in Cabot.

"We knew our friends could stay around a day and not have to make an extra trip," Warren said.

Campbell said she thinks getting married while still in school will make it easier to adjust to married life before having to worry about graduating and getting jobs.

"We won't have to deal with getting situated with each other [after graduation]," she said. "We will just have to deal with new things in our lives."

At the same time, planning a wedding while working and attending school did get overwhelming at times, Warren said.

"I had to take it one day at a time," she said. "It meant putting priorities where they need to be from day to day. Every day was different."

Senior Kyle Vath, who is marrying senior Melissa Ward Jan. 1, said he predicts the biggest adjustment involved in getting married

over the Christmas break will be about time.

"I think it will be better," Vath said. "We won't have to make time to go and be together; we will just be together a lot more. We will have to make quality time, though, and not take being together for granted."

Warren said having a new name and adjusting to another person's schedule will be the biggest adjustments for her.

"We will have to work around each other's schedule and figure out when we will both be home and have dinner on the table," she said.

In order to make the transition easier, Warren said she and Eastridge have been

going through premarital counseling with Dr. Randy Willingham, associate professor of Bible. The counseling has been one of the best parts of planning for the wedding, she said.

"We sit and talk about our personalities and laugh about how we know each other's personality so well," Warren said. "It's fun to share with another person."

Vath said he enjoys the couple's Bible class that the Alexanders and the Collins teach at College church.

As the final preparations fall into place, Campbell said she is glad the wedding is almost here.

"I'm getting more excited now that it's getting closer," she said. "Since I have been so busy with work and school, I haven't had much time to get excited about it."

**"The summer would have been too soon. But we didn't want to wait for next summer, so we opted for December."**

CLARICE CAMPBELL, SENIOR



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison



### going to the chapel... OR TO ISTANBUL, TURKEY?

#### WEDDING INDUSTRY STATISTICS

- 2.34 million weddings in the U.S. every year
- \$60 billion spent on weddings in the U.S.
- 178: average number of guest invited to a wedding in the U.S.

#### TOP 4 CITIES IN THE WORLD TO GET MARRIED

1. Istanbul, Turkey (166,000 weddings per year)
2. Las Vegas (114,000 weddings per year)
3. Gatlinburg, Tenn. (42,000 weddings per year)
4. New Orleans, La. (37,000 weddings per year)

information from www.afwpi.com





# A&E GUIDE:

Harding's menu for entertainment outside the campus borders

## MUSIC

### Anthony Hamilton

Soul singer Anthony Hamilton will bring his R&B musical talents to the Orpheum in Memphis Saturday night at 8.

Tickets cost \$45. For more information go to [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

### Russell Simmons

Russell Simmons will be performing at the Orpheum tonight at 8 as part of the Def Poetry Jam series.

Tickets cost between \$15 and \$45. For more information go to [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

### Memphis Symphony Orchestra

The Memphis Symphony Orchestra will perform at the Cannon Center for Perform-

ing Arts in Memphis Saturday night at 8.

Prior to the Orchestra, the Memphis Symphony Chorus will sing at 4 p.m.

Tickets cost between \$26 and \$80 and can be purchased at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

For more information, visit [www.memphisymphony.org](http://www.memphisymphony.org).

### David Gest's All-Star Holiday

David Gest, Liza Minelli's ex-husband, is hosting his All-Star Holiday Extravaganza at the Cannon Center for Performing Arts Monday night starting at 7.

Guests include Lou Rawls, Dionne Warwick, Deborah Cox, Jerry Butler, Buzz Aldrin and more.

Tickets cost between \$45 and \$150. For more information go to [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

## SPORTS

### Memphis Grizzlies

The Memphis Grizzlies will host the Philadelphia 76ers tonight at 7 at FedExForum. The New York Knicks will play in Memphis Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Tickets cost between \$5 and \$200. For more information, go to [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.nba.com/grizzlies](http://www.nba.com/grizzlies).

### Memphis Riverkings

The Riverkings host the Oklahoma City Blazers Saturday at 7:05 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. at the DeSoto County Civic Center in Southaven, Miss.

Tickets cost between \$5 and \$24.

For more information go to [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.riverkings.com](http://www.riverkings.com).

# Magic returns in third Harry Potter film

JACLYN ROBERTS  
student reporter

Something wicked came this way on DVD and video Nov. 23 as Harry Potter faced all new evils in the third film in J.K. Rowling's series, "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban."

A new director, Alfonso Cuarón, brought a divergent taste to the third thriller, which was one of the most anticipated films of the summer. The merry school days are a bit darker, and the once happy halls of the school are more cautious and gloomy. A sophisticated seriousness that did not exist inside the last two films is present throughout the third.

The stellar cast of mostly returning actors includes Daniel Radcliffe as Harry Potter, Rupert Grint as Ron Weasley, Emma Watson as Hermione Granger and Maggie Smith as Professor Minerva McGonagall. Following the death of Richard Harris, Michael Gambon donned Professor Albus Dumbledore's long white beard and wise, mysterious manner. Gary Oldman joins the cast as the escaped convict Sirius Black, and Emma Thompson peers into the future as Professor Sybil Trelawney.

Anchored together they took on the challenge of telling the tale in

one film that took a 22-chapter book to catch reader's far-away imaginations. Although some fans of the books thought the movie left out crucial information, the story did capture the highlights of the third year with a new professor and his secret identity, another competitive season of Quidditch, a secret revealed about Ron's pet rat, an all-knowing map of the castle and the appearance of the blood-chilling dementors. The plot also included a possible heart-to-heart between Ron and Hermione, a time-reversing clock, the escaped prisoner of Azkaban and a new father-figure for Harry.

Before he starts the third year of school, Harry faces temptation and blows up Aunt Marge in a fit of anger and sees a death omen on a dark night. His first days of classes only strengthen his sense of foreboding as his new, insane divination professor predicts a grim future and his Nimbus Two Thousand is shattered into little shards of flying wood when he falls off it during the first Quidditch game of the year.

As the year progresses, he discovers the value of time, rescues a doomed magical creature known as a hippogriff, and learns to conquer the dementors, while managing to graduate yet another year

at the school of witchcraft and wizardry.

While the pages of the books do hold a phenomenon that is nearly impossible to reach physically with cameras, the movie has delightful visualization, and captures a magic that allows audience members from 4 to 47 years old to sit back and be amazed.

Overall, my high expectations for this magical flick were pleasantly rewarded. The dramatic conflicts and thrilling events the new director managed to create with the returning cast of talented characters won my approval. I went back for an encore in theaters, and I can't wait to rent the DVD, which is packed with exclusive features, a Hogwarts timeline, interactive games, tours of the castle and commentaries from the cast, crew and filmmakers, as well as with Potter's creator, J.K. Rowling. I have to say, there is a different and almost gloomy glow to the film, but I enjoyed watching the story play out just as well. ■

★★★★★ 4/4

■ Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Maggie Smith and Michael Gambon

■ PG for frightening moments, creature violence and mild language



# 'Witty pop rock' spills out of Jimmy Eat World's fourth

PAYTON BARTEE  
student reporter

On fire since their last release, emo-rock group Jimmy Eat World is back under the musical spotlight with "Futures." The band has all the makings of a Cinderella success story: Composed of four childhood friends, the group muddled around in the indie scene for 10 years before hitting it big with the summer hit, "The Middle." The album responsible for garnering their success, "Bleed American" (later changed to a self-titled album after Sept. 11), was well received by critics and fans alike.

"Futures," the band's fourth studio album, takes full advantage of the situation in which the band members of Jimmy Eat World have found themselves. One goal they had was to keep the appeal of newer fans going with the witty pop-rock. Another was to keep front man Jim Adkins' lyrical talent from previous albums in high supply for long-time aficionados. Spending roughly three years writing and developing "Futures," the band has created a very pleasant medium of the two.

The title track ditches the trend of an album's first song to be weak. A common characteristic found throughout the entire album and evident even on the first track is that it doesn't hold back. Energy pours out from Adkins' vocal crescendos, and dynamic yet melodic guitar riffs are aplenty. Something to note in this song is the political jab found within the first 20 seconds.

"Just Tonight" is a solid second track with another positively charged introduction. It is a pure rocker with a definite "Bleed American" feel. As publicly stated by the lead singer, if these first two tracks don't catch your attention, you need to put "Futures" down right now.

The third song, "Work," is a more emo-gear track that stays shrouded on the dark side of Jimmy Eat World. Worthy of noting are the background vocals provided by up-and-coming rock singer Liz Phair. Lyrically, this song is quintessential Adkins, chalk-full of clever one-liners that really help to embed the song further into the head. At this point in the album, the band begins planting songs in murky soil. Adkins' songs have drifted into sadness before, but never to the extent that they do in "Futures." This is a stark, honest portrayal of empty relationships,

drugs and loss.

The following track, "Kill," uses savvy guitar work intertwined with talented drumming to deepen the sense of musical bliss. Granted, this song may not catch on as quickly as others on the album, but I personally see it as "Futures" diamond-in-the-rough. The fifth song, "The World You Love," boasts an exceptional chorus, but some lyrics just feel out of place. Not to worry; the guitars help carry it along.

Next is the group's first single from the disc, "Pain." The single is a brisk, hook-driven introduction to the album, and comes across as a self-contained satire on the poppy, sing-along anthems for which the band is known.

Clocking in at nearly seven minutes, "Drugs or Me" is lethargic. It's certainly not a horrible song, but if you're a fan of Jimmy Eat World's quicker, livelier tracks, you will be less than enthusiastic about it.

A song of similar quality is found in "Polaris." This eighth track demonstrates how Adkins' singing tugs at your heartstrings while putting together a solid song. "Nothing wrong" carries surprisingly heavy guitar work and a remarkably bleak outlook on life.

A whispered intro by Jim Adkins opens "Night Drive." Laden with background falsettos, sweetly sung verses show a lot of thought and dedication from the lead singer.

The album's finale is "23," and it is an excellent choice for the end. This solid, thoughtful, and sometimes dark song possesses an emotional punch that compels the listener to experience it again.

After the initial shock of the album's stark themes, the listener will come to realize that it's actually a much more complete and honest work than its predecessor. Ranging from soulful emo to pop-rock to an almost progressive sound, "Futures" has it all. It makes a few less-than-perfect strokes here and there, but the overall portrait is vivid and magnificent. Jimmy Eat World is all grown up now, and they've got something to say. I'm going to enjoy listening ... are you? ■

★★★★★ 4/4

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# Running on empty

## Columnist struggles to find elusive ideas

**O**K, I'll be entirely honest with you. I am straight up dry for inspiration for this article.

I have no idea what to write about. I'm completely drawing blanks.

Have you ever had just a great big mental emptiness where you feel like ought to be all sorts of creative, clever, insightful, witty, sharp things?

I'm there right now.

What to do, what to do, what to do...

I don't know what made me think of this right now, but I'm remembering when I took a trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico, with my friend Matt last year for Spring Break.

That was a lot of fun. We drove, so it took some 13-plus hours, but we made it in one piece.

We did have a nasty run-in with a homeless man, though.

We had stopped to get a drink and hit the can and whatnot in Tucumcari, N.M., which is a nice little town on Route 66.

We're at a Texaco next to a Holiday Inn, and I went inside, used the bathroom, grabbed a Dr. Pepper and some chips, and headed back out to where Matt was waiting in the truck.

Well, there was this homeless man who had been over at the Holiday Inn asking for a handout or something, but he'd struck out and wandered over to the Texaco.

I didn't have any change when he asked me, since I'd just used it paying for my snack.

So he sees my Dr Pepper and my chips and gets all peeved and says, "Well, you could afford a drink and some chips, but you can't give a poor old man any change?"

I was kinda feeling bad, but all I had was some 20 dollar bills. I'm sorry, but I'm not about to give a homeless man a twenty.

So he's getting more ticked off at me and he rears back and kicks me in the shin.

So I guess I got my kick on route 66.

**Have you ever had just a great big mental emptiness where you feel like ought to be all sorts of creative, clever, insightful, witty, sharp things?**

AARON RUSHTON

## Big Guy, Big Mouth



On a completely related subject, I like Hawaiian shirts.

I've got a rather impressive collection of Hawaiian shirts.

I think it's numbered into the mid 20s now. I know it's big enough that I can wear a different Hawaiian shirt every day for three weeks straight without repeating (or doing laundry).

I'm still stumped as to what I could write about.

I'm just staring at the screen, beating my head against the keyboard, coming up with things like: yk9nkcjhjy768 906y5312fh76n hjyufmjhc-gfru aNjn78kgldos ml;cv iponhjgfv inhj;p, and while that's fun, it doesn't really do

too much for my chances of a book deal.

What is it about our minds that makes them so astoundingly creative yet so confoundingly stubborn?

Oh, and while I'm thinking of it, Gary Pickle is the most under appreciated artist of our time, or of anytime.

So, back to that... other thing I was talking about... What was it?

Ah, yes! Not knowing what to talk about. I am still clueless.

I've got an idea!

I'll write about not knowing what to write about!

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RENEE LEWIS

## Just Ramble

## 2.5 million reasons to become a nerd

The answer: this brain has a fan base larger than Shaft, is writing a book and has more money than Donnie from New Kids on the Block. The question: Who is Ken Jennings?

Who is Ken Jennings? He is only the winningest "Jeopardy" contestant of all time with more than \$2.5 million to his name. But now he's the Daily Double answer in the pop culture history category.

In a breathtaking episode Tuesday night Jennings lost to California real estate agent Nancy Zerg. The answer: "Most of this firm's 70,000 seasonal white-collar employees work only four months a year." Jennings' question: "What is Federal Express?" Zerg's correct question: "What is H&R Block?"

And just like that what was once called history-in-the-making was made. No regrets, however, according to an MSNBC.com article. He's fine with it. He misses the game. But hey, he has \$2.5 million. I'd say he doesn't have any regrets.

What I love about Jennings was how he unknowingly restored the nerd. Now the Screeches of the world can sleep at night because they will wake up in the morning and be the winners of the world. Only the nerds can get 2,700 right answers on "Jeopardy" and make more money in 74 games than all five members of NKOTB currently have in their bank accounts.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Gay marriage rights deserve a second look

In this recent presidential election, I think it's fairly accurate to say that Bush won on "moral values." One of the very influential issues was gay marriage.

We as a Christian community were told and were led to believe that by voting for Bush and therefore against gay marriage we were voting the Christian way.

On the surface, this seems true. Any person who thinks that homosexual behavior is not in conflict with the Bible is either not reading the Bible at all or is reading with a blinding bias. However, what I would like to see the Christian community stop and think about is this: Does preventing homosexual marriage and/or "civil union" really forward the cause of Christ?

At this point, you may pause and scream, "Of course it does!" But instead, calm down and continue reading.

Do you believe that preventing a person involved in homosexuality from being married will convince that person to cease his or her immoral behavior? And do you think that having relationships with many partners is better in the eyes of God and better for the individual than having a committed, monogamous, long-term relationship?

Briefly, to those who in answer to this question would quote our esteemed President Bush and say they seek to "preserve the sanctity of marriage," I would point out that the heterosexual community has left very little sanctity to be preserved. Many studies estimate that the heterosexual divorce rate in the United States is around 50 percent.

And to our great shame divorce rates within the church are found to be no better.

In a place like Harding, where we claim to be educated and thinking Christians, it is important that we choose our course of action not from a gut response, nor from the prodding of politicians who would like to use us as a springboard to power, but from careful and prayerful contemplation that has a cohesive purpose and a plan to achieve that purpose.

### Don't allow clubs jerseys to divide Christians

I don't even know how to begin this letter other than to say I [was] hurt by [the actions of some clubs at the All-Club Devo Friday, Nov. 7].

I sat in the All-Club Devo with my group of girls Friday and wept because of the bitter venom being spread all over the Benson Auditorium.

I don't care who did what. I don't care if it was all done in "fun," because, I'm sorry, none of that was in fun. None of it. Luke 6:31 says, "Do unto others as you would have done unto you."

That doesn't mean you should blatantly ... disrespect another club.

I wept because the body of Christ was divided [that night]. I went to Dustin Vyders, student activities coordinator, after the devotional and told him that I was embarrassed and ashamed to even be a part of this whole club process and that the body of Christ [which] sat in that very room was divided because of stupid jerseys.

I wanted to get up and walk out. Not only was I ashamed to be part of the whole club process, I was ashamed to be part of a student body that claims to be Christians, but will take any opportunity to verbally bash their brothers and sisters.

The whole point of a social club is to have spiritual growth and unity.

We are close sisters in one club, or brothers in another, but Christ commanded us to be unified as a whole.

Let me tell you something, brothers and sisters. Our social clubs are a privilege.

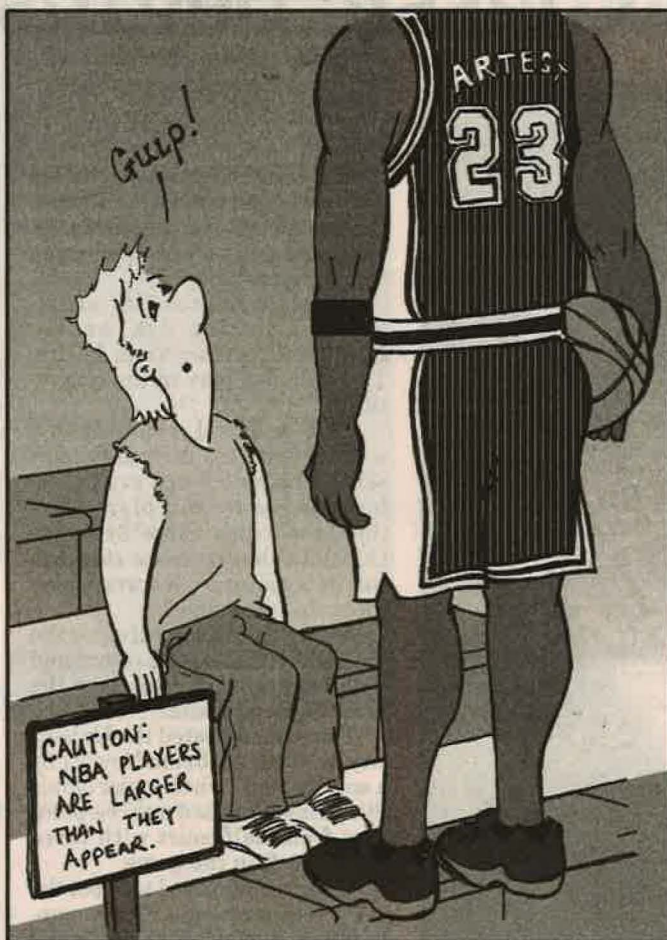
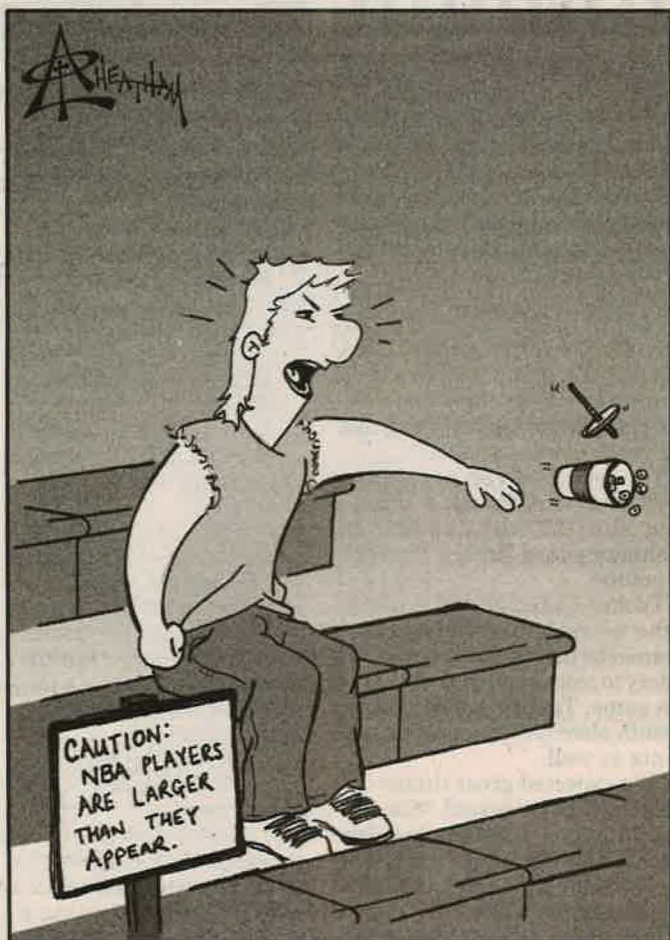
The University allowed social clubs to be formed for our benefit. They thought that the clubs would help us grow spiritually.

Remember, we're in God's club. Unify. Don't make something that is supposed to be fun and spiritually uplifting turn into a stumbling block.

Craig Bettenhausen, senior

Ashley Kennedy, senior





## Out of control

*Athletes, fans need to adjust behavior*

Professional athletes surprised their fans yet again over the Thanksgiving holiday. The game was fairly uneventful until Ron Artest of the Indiana Pacers fouled Detroit's Ben Wallace. In response to the foul, Wallace shoved Artest and members of both teams scrambled to separate the two. Artest quickly stepped back and laid down on the scorekeeper's table to cool off, his peaceful surrender soon erupted into one of the largest NBA fights in history. A Detroit fan decided to express his frustration by throwing a cup at Artest, and Artest retaliated with a vengeance.

The Nov. 19 brawl between Pacers and the Pistons and the fans at Detroit's Palace Arena provided fans with a different kind of entertainment, and now people are looking at spending time behind bars rather than behind the basketball goal.

While many questions linger about the incident, one question sticks out more than the others, "Who's to blame?"

Sports analysts blamed the players, saying that they have no place in the stands. Others were blaming the man who threw the cup at Ron Artest and the fans who then proceeded to fight with the players and anyone else around them. Some went as far as to blame the NBA itself, saying that its players "are the victims of their own self-perceptions."

Scott Pollard, a forward for the Indiana Pacers, was interviewed shortly after security had given the press permission to go into

the locker rooms. His opinion of the fight went against what many expected to hear from the stereotypical NBA basketball player. He talked about how the entire incident was a complete embarrassment to both teams and to the league. He said the members of the NBA were paid a lot of money to entertain and receive harassment from the fans, that the fans were the reason the players got paid, and that no matter what happens, a player should not be in the stands, let alone fighting with a fan.

Two weeks after the event, fingers are still being pointed in every direction, but now the law is becoming more involved and fans and players alike are facing the possibility of jail time for their actions. Two fans who were involved have been banned from the Palace.

Artest and eight other players have been handed the longest suspension period in NBA history, totaling more than 140 games, and they'll do it without pay.

Despite the punishments, people are still talking about what needs to be done. Maybe the distance between the fans and the court should become greater. Maybe athletic venues need to stop selling alcohol earlier in the games. Maybe fans need to know when players have had enough harassment.

While all these concerns are valid, it is Artest and the other involved members of the NBA who must answer for this incident. No matter what provokes them, NBA players should be as accountable for their actions as any other American citizens.

STEVEN PROFAIZER

### Yada, Yada Yada



## December brings best and worst year has to offer

Ah, December – truly the most wonderful time of the year. All this love and joy ... and wassail.

I mean, you've got your holiday greetings, your gay happy meetings when friends come to call, and the bulk of your Christmas break to boot.

Like most things in life, however, we must pay for it dearly – hence the wasteland of classes between Thanksgiving break and Christmas.

This is the part of the semester we all hate – faculty and students alike.

Faculty are starting to realize we will never make it to the elusive last page of the text book. (In all my years of classes in U.S. History, no teacher has ever made it past WWII. About the only things I know about the 70s and 80s are that there was "a gas shortage and A Flock of Seagulls.")

Meanwhile, students are being punished for wishing to graduate college by a constant barrage of tests, quizzes and projects. (Which yes, we have known about all semester, but if we were ready to do the projects in August then the class wouldn't have been necessary.)

Consider the Popsicle: delicious right up until the last few bites but leaves that nasty wooden-tongue-depressor taste in your mouth at the end.

To tie this little analogy together, this proverbial Popsicle is the semester, and that nasty wooden-tongue-depressor taste currently in your mouth is from this stretch of classes we're gnawing our way through.

I believe a true celebration of Dead Week would go a long way toward helping students handle the extreme workloads they inevitably face this time of year.

If having a true Dead Week is not an option, I think we should at least stop calling it something it's not. It's kind of like breaking up the fall semester with a weeklong Fall Break where we all go to classes, do homework and take tests.

And if, however, we absolutely must name "Dead Week" something, maybe we could rename it something a little more appropriate to the occasion, like Normal Week.

Next week, the *Bison* will be conducting its annual self-evaluation survey. Keep checking your campus mailbox to see if you've been randomly selected to participate. If you are so fortunate, I ask you take a few minutes to fill out the survey. Your feedback is crucial to the continuing growth of the *Bison*.

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## TALK BACK

How do you get into the Christmas spirit?



"I once cut down a bush to use as a Christmas tree, so that kind of puts me in the mood for Christmas."

— Greg Seiders, senior



"I wear festive socks and listen to Christmas music."

— Lauren Nicholson, senior



"As soon as Thanksgiving is over it just automatically feels like Christmas to me."

— Sara House, senior

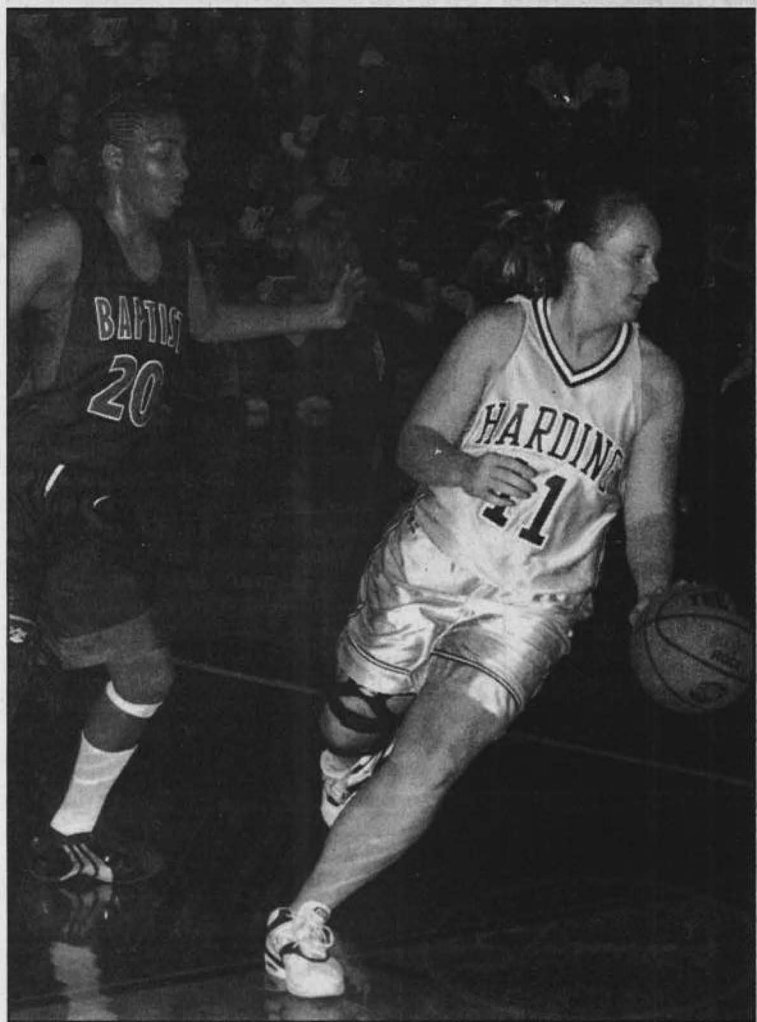


"I like to listen to 'Alvin and the Chipmunks Christmas' CD, drink hot cocoa, walk around Berryhill Park and watch 'A Christmas Story.'"

— Kristi Ensor, senior



# Lady Bison Classic begins tonight



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Sophomore Betsey Glover dribbles the ball during the team's first regular season game Nov. 15 against Arkansas Baptist University. The team set a school record for most points scored in a game with its 107-38 point win over the Lady Buffaloes. The 69-point margin of victory was also a school record; it topped the previous school record of 58 points that the 1997 team set when it beat Ambassador.

SARAH CRIST  
sports editor

The Lady Bison Classic will begin Friday at 6 p.m. in the Rhodes Field House as Harding seeks revenge on Lyon College after losing to the Pipers Nov. 16.

Ouachita Baptist University, from Arkadelphia, Ark., and St. Edwards University from Austin, Tex. will also play in the competition.

"The weekend is not really a tournament," coach Brad Francis said. "The match-ups are predetermined so we will play two of the three teams. Since we'll play Ouachita Baptist twice this season in conference, we won't play them this weekend."

The Lady Bisons will enter the tournament with a 4-2 record and with back-to-back wins over the Thanksgiving break.

The team defeated the University of North Alabama Nov. 27 by a score of 59-57 when senior Jamie Simpkins launched a three-point shot from half-court with three seconds left in the game.

"I wasn't supposed to shoot the ball," Simpkins said. "I was supposed to get the ball at half-court and then pass it down the court, but everyone was being guarded so I just launched it. I was really surprised when it went in, but it was awesome."

Harding led by as many as five and UNA by as many as six, but the Lady Bisons out-shot UNA by 10 percent, giving Harding the win.

"The entire game went back and forth, if we scored they would take the ball down and do the same

and vice-versa," Francis said. "At the end of the game we had one option so we set up the play and it worked."

Besides being happy about the outcome of the game, Francis said he was excited about the effect the win had on the team.

"Those kinds of games can really help a team mentally during a season," Francis said. "UNA thought the game was over but we didn't give up and it paid off. The positive outcome of the game is a great morale booster."

The team went on to beat the University of Alabama - Huntsville Nov. 29 with the help of freshman guard Kinsey Tucker's 34 points.

Tucker scored 25 of the points in the second half of the game and became the first freshman in school history to score more than 30 points in a game. Tucker is now tied for seventh place for most single-game points as well.

"We expected great things out of Kinsey," Francis said. "She has really stepped up in the last few games, and her shots have just started falling. She did an amazing job against UNA."

Francis said he is proud of the way that his team has performed so far this year as well.

"I feel good about the way we have started the season," Francis said. "We weren't sure what to expect since we had so many new and young faces on our team along with our returning players who were coming back from injuries, but they've done a great job and I'm excited about what's to come." ■

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Senior Lori Boren became the first Harding soccer player to be named to ESPN's Academic All-America Nov. 23.

Boren, an Early Childhood Education major from Oak Ridge, Tenn., completed her career holding school records for the most goals with 33, most assists with 31 and most points with 97.

Boren was joined by senior Becky Taylor, junior Megan Hatcher and freshman Cheryl Dovichak on the Gulf South Conference's first team.

Taylor recorded two goals and five assists for the season and was one of the top defensive midfielders in the league.

Hatcher was the top defender for the Lady Bisons. During the season she set school records for goals against average (.97) and shutouts with 10.

This was Hatcher's second consecutive first team All-Conference award.

In her first season as a Lady Bison, Dovichak set Harding records for single season saves with 117, for goals against average (.95), wins with 14 and shutouts with eight. Dovichak also led the GSC in shutouts and goals against average.

Head coach Greg Harris was named Coach of the Year for the second year in a row, leading the team to a 15-4-1 record.

### FOOTBALL

Juniors Torrance Daniels, David Feliciano, Scott Duttle and Travis DeSisso were named to Gulf South Conference teams Nov. 16.

Daniels received first team honors. He ranked third on the Bison team with 64 tackles and tied for the team lead in interceptions with four.

This is Daniels second-straight first team honor.

Feliciano was the first Harding tight end to lead the team in receiving since Thad Hill in 1993. Feliciano led the team with 51 receptions for 683 yards and 10 touchdowns.

He was ranked ninth in the GSC for receptions per game and tenth in receiving yards per game. His 10 touchdowns tied for third in the Harding record books for most touchdowns in a single season.

Duttle led the team's defense with 86 tackles. He recorded two interceptions during the season and was ranked 14th in the GSC with 7.8 tackles per game.

DeSisso, the team's starting defensive back, received accolades as a special teams player and led the team with four tackles on punt coverage.

He also led the team and the GSC in sacks with eight.

DeSisso was joined by junior Aaron Mitchell, receiving honors on the Academic All-District VI Football Team.



# Volleyball team's season ends

## Trip to nationals concludes with loss to Washburn University

VALERIE HENDRIX  
student reporter

The Lady Bison volleyball team lost 3-1 to Washburn University in the first round of the NCAA II South Central Regional Tournament in Kirksville, Mo., Thursday, Nov. 18.

The Lady Bisons lost the first and second games 30-19 and 30-28, won the third game 30-26, but lost the fourth 30-28.

Coach Keith Giboney said going into the competition he expected the women to perform at the best of their ability, and after it was over, he said they definitely did.

Giboney said it was tough going up against such a good team, but the girls met all his expectations.

"We don't have anything to hang our heads about," he said. "Overall, it was a great season."

Junior Synda Veitenheimer said she loves the competition of the sport most of all and was really looking forward to winning.

Veitenheimer, an outside hitter, reached a career high with 26 kills in one game; her record of kills for this season is 525.

"It was frustrating because we've never won a game at regionals,"

Veitenheimer said. "Washburn hadn't either so we thought we definitely had a chance to beat them."

The Lady Bisons have gone to regionals the last three years and have been beaten in the first round every time. This year the women played the number 15<sup>th</sup>-ranked team in the region, Washburn, who they had not met yet this season.

Although the players were disappointed about the loss, they all said they had positive attitudes about the competition.

Senior Kate Kennedy has been to regionals all three times, and this was her last game to play. She said she had mixed emotions about this game, being excited to play, nervous to lose and sad that she would be leaving the team.

"I love everything about volleyball, especially my teammates and the positive interaction we have," Kennedy said.

The other seniors that played

their last game were Amie Morrison, Leanne Lackey and Ashley Kellum.

Morrison, who became the NCAA Division II digs leader after recording 33 digs in the final game, said it is going to be difficult to not be on the team anymore, but she knows she has to move on.

"It wasn't easy to lose this last game," she said. "But, I don't have any regrets over the last four years."

Kellum said she feels passionate about the sport and will keep on playing.

"My favorite thing about the game is the rush of a long volley and then winning that volley for the score," Kellum said.

The team left

Nov. 16, just after returning from the Gulf South Conference tournament on Sunday.

With the tournaments being so close together Coach Giboney said it was difficult for the women to keep up with school, but that all of the women were good about

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SYNDA VEITENHEIMER, JUNIOR



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# Bisons win two games in a row

SARAH CRIST  
sports editor

After a disappointing first-game loss in the Harding Classic, the Bison basketball team is looking to continue its current two-game winning streak Saturday at 8 p.m. against the University of Alabama - Huntsville in the Rhodes Field House.

Indiana Tech, the No. 8 team in NAIA Division II, defeated the Bisons in the Harding Classic Nov. 26 by a score of 98-95.

The game came down to the final 23 seconds with the lead changing three times and ending in the Warriors' victory.

The Bisons came back from the loss Nov. 27 when they defeated the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma 95-88 in the Classic. The team had six players score in double digits during the game and accumulated 56 points from the paint.

"I was really proud of the way that our guys recovered," coach Jeff Morgan said. "After our loss to Indiana Tech, our team came out with a strong win."

In the Nov. 29 game against the University of Alabama - Huntsville, junior Matt Hall returned to the line-up after fracturing his wrist

during the season opener Nov. 14 against Arkansas Baptist.

After wearing a cast for approximately 10 days, doctors X-rayed Hall's wrist and found that the hairline fracture had healed enough for Hall to return to the court.

"My wrist is better," Hall said. "It hasn't completely healed yet, but it's good enough for me to play with."

For the second game in a row, six Bisons recorded double-digit scoring and accounted for 80 of the team's 90 points.

Junior Lonnie Smith lead the team, scoring 24 points

followed by freshman Ces Sprewell with 13.

The team shot 62 percent in the second half and shot more than 50 percent overall for the fourth game in a row.

"The guys really took care of the ball Monday night," Morgan said. "Their defense was stronger and we played as a team."

Hall is happy with the start of the season so far. "We have a lot of work left to do, but we're happy and we're doing well." ■

**"We have a lot of work left to do to get better, but we're happy and we're doing well."**

**JUNIOR MATT HALL**



Photo courtesy of Kevin Chastine

Senior Will Dockery looks to pass the Frisbee down the field in a regional game against the University of Central Arkansas last year. The Ultimate Frisbee club team began two years ago and has since become a competitive team in a short amount of time. In last year's season the team competed in the regional tournament and played Division I schools from all over the country.

## Frisbee team soars in tourney

KATIE COZZENS  
student reporter

Harding's Ultimate Frisbee club team competed in the Gobbler Get-Down tournament Nov. 13-14 and walked away with a second place finish.

The tournament, held at Burns Park in Little Rock, Ark., drew 11 teams and lasted two days. On the first day, club and university teams played in their own divisions, and on the second day, they played each other.

"The teams participated in pool play on the first day of the tournament to determine seeds for the next day," senior Justin Bland said. "The tournament actually started on the second day."

For the first time in the club sport's history two women competed with the team for the tournament.

"It was a lot of fun playing with the team," senior Caroline Frederick said. "It was kind of nerve-racking for them because they had never had girls play with them, and I think they were nervous that one of us would get hurt. I was worried that I was going to mess up and make the guys mad, but they were all really great."

The men on the team were proud to have to women participate in

the tournament with them.

"The girls did an amazing job," Bland said. "They had never played in a tournament and the style of play is a lot different than our practices. They handled the play very well and we were all proud to have them on our team."

Although the weekend ended in a 15-13 loss to a club team for Harding, Bland said he was proud of how the team played throughout the tournament.

"We struggled a little bit towards the end of the tournament but I thought we played well together," he said. "We had a blast."

The team has already started preparing for its upcoming season. Beginning in January, the team will compete against schools such as the University of Kansas, Arkansas State University and Vanderbilt.

"Our strategy is to get to the national tournament," senior Will Dockery said. "Last year we made it into the first round of playoffs. We lost in the first round last year in quadruple overtime to Kansas State."

Hopefully this year we'll return to regionals and go farther."

Since Ultimate Frisbee is not a school-sponsored sport, the team members raise money by selling T-shirts and pays for travel expenses with their own money.

"When we go to tournaments, we get in each others cars and go," junior Brandon Stone said.

Dockery said fans and Frisbee enthusiasts on campus can also join in the fun.

"Anyone can come out and play with us on Tuesday and Thursdays at 4 p.m. at Harding Park," he said. "We're always looking for new players."

Harding has two different Ultimate Frisbee teams, with the "A" team for serious players and the "B" team for those whose interest is more recreational.

Frederick said she is also helping start a women's team next semester.

"We're going to put flyers up around campus for a practice," Frederick said. "From there we're just going to see who shows up and what we have to work with." ■

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**SENIOR JUSTIN BLAND**

### FOR THE RECORD

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL >> 3-1

Harding	90
UAH	74
Harding	95
USAO	88

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL >> 4-2

Harding	79
UAH	74
Harding	59
North Alabama	57



## SPORTS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to last issue's winner, senior Grant Taylor! We're adding NCAA Basketball to our picks this week so have fun picking your favorites. Our tie-breaker this week is tonight's game between the Lady Bisons and Lyon College. Same thing as usual, pick your favorite teams, rip this form out of the paper, fill it out (including the EXACT score of the tie breaker), and drop it in the Sports Challenge box on the ledge next to the U.S. Post Office window by 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. Good luck!

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- \_\_\_ Virginia Tech @ Miami \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Auburn @ Tennessee \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Colorado @ Oklahoma \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Army @ Navy \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ USC @ UCLA \_\_\_

#### NCAA Basketball

- \_\_\_ Memphis @ Purdue \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Indiana @ Connecticut \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Kentucky @ North Carolina \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Pacific @ Kansas \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Massachusetts @ Gonzaga \_\_\_

#### Tie Breaker:

#### NCAA Basketball

Guess the winner and exact score of Friday's Lady Bison game

\_\_\_ Harding vs. Lyon \_\_\_

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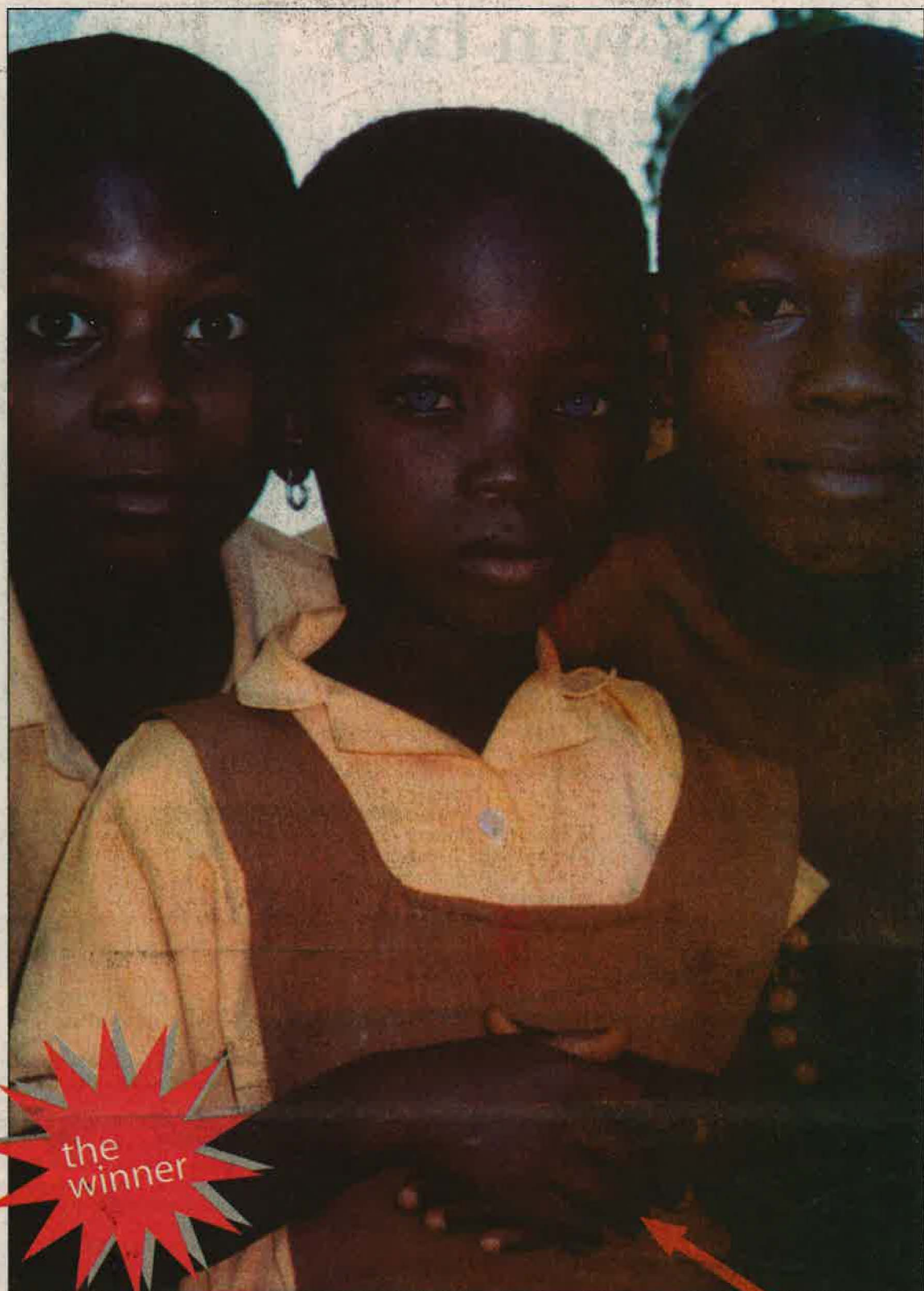
## the students' best photo submission contest

The first Students' Best Photo Submission Contest for the *Bison* drew in 84 entries. The *Bison* received a wide range of photographs. The subjects included a parade in South America, Harding landscapes, flowers and sunsets, among others.

When it came to choosing the winners, the *Bison* looked for picture quality, creativity, composition and uniqueness. Chelsea Roberson, the *Bison* photographer, chose her top five favorites out of the stack of submissions.

The top five will receive gift certificates via campus mail from local restaurants. Thank you to the sponsors and to all those who sent in entries.

This contest will be back. Be watching for a second round of Students' Best next semester. But for now, just keep shooting. A good picture is worth a thousand words. A thousand words, however, can never compare with a good picture.



### #2

**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Senior Taylor Williams

**MAJOR:** Computer engineering, math

**PICTURE DETAILS:** Williams took this photo in Prague of a castle along the Vltava River while overseas with a Harding program Nov. 24, 2003.



### #3

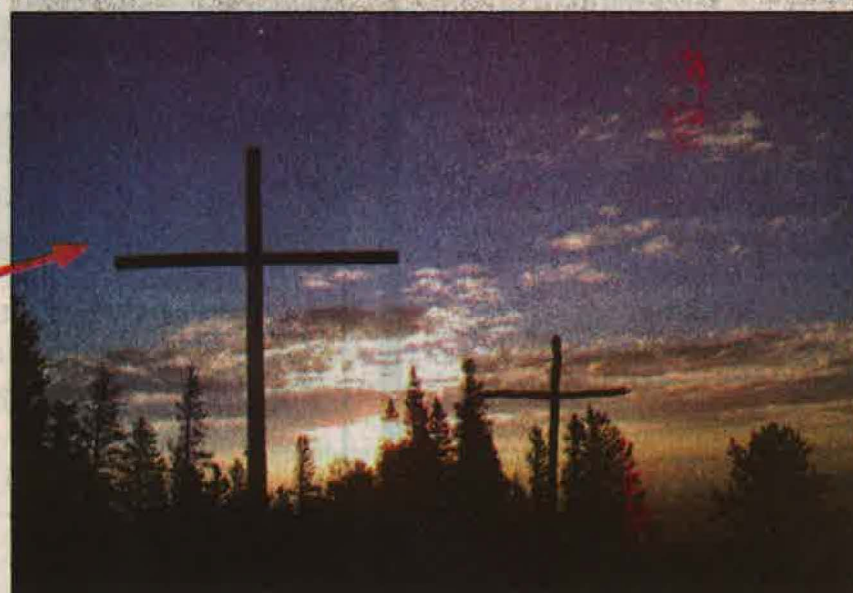
**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Freshman Mallory Schmidt  
**MAJOR:** Graphic design  
**PICTURE DETAILS:** Schmidt took this picture at a taekwondo tournament in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., during the summer.

**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Freshman Daniel Bontrager  
**MAJOR:** Electronic media production  
**PICTURE DETAILS:** A picture of freshman Ryan Shelburn, this snapshot was taken in an abandoned railroad car in Lubbock, Texas.

### #4

**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Junior Beth Frakes  
**MAJOR:** Social work  
**PICTURE DETAILS:** Frakes snapped this photo at Camp Como in Como, Colo.

### #5



### #1

**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Sophomore Brett Keller

**MAJOR:** Pre-med

**PICTURE DETAILS:** While in Ghana, Africa, in the summer of 2002, Keller photographed these three young African girls.

**BISON REACTION:**  
"The reason I chose the winning photo had to do with a few different things. The thing that makes this photo my favorite is how the two girls in the photo frame the center girl and make her stand out even more than she might have in a photo of her alone. The photo captures the emotion in the eyes of all the girls; the young girl in the middle is incredibly striking with her stunning blue eyes and the innocence that can be read in her face."  
—Chelsea Roberson, *Bison* photographer

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